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1. FROM SHELDON VANCE, US REP ON UN COMMISSION ON NARCOTIC

DRUGS (CND) TO CND REPS OF CANADA (D.M. SMITH); INDIA (JASJIT SINGH); SWEDEN (PROF. BROR REXED), FRANCE (CHARLES VAILLE); YUGOSLAVIA (D. NIKOLIC) AND UK (FORMERLY C.J. TRAIN, HOME OFFICE). GENEVA INFO FOR DR. LING AND AMB. DE BEUS. ALSO PLEASE PASS SUBSTANCE TO RESPECTIVE FOREIGN OFFICES.

2. THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT HAS ASKED THE USSR TO INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION TO CND TO STAND ASIDE THIS YEAR IN FAVOR OF MEXICAN DELEGATE AS CND CHAIRMAN AND SOVIET GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED PROVIDING MAJORITY CND DOES NOT OBJECT. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN OFFICIALS OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN MOSCOW AND SOVIET OFFICIALS INCLUDING DR. BABAYAN, USSR REP ON CND (REFTEL), THE U.S. HAS CONCLUDED THAT ELECTION OF MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL TO CHAIRMANSHIP OF CND WOULD NOT UNDULY UPSET SYSTEM WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY GOVERNED ADVANCEMENT OF CND OFFICERS. IN LIGHT OF SOVIET POSITION,

U.S. WILL SUPPORT CANDIDACY OF MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA, AS CND CHAIRMAN, BELIEVING THAT CND SHOULD ACT EXCEPTIONALLY TO GRASP UNUSUAL OPPORTUNITY. OUR SUPPORT FOR OJEDA STEMS FROM TWO FACTORS. FIRST IS THE OUTSTANDING JOB HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAVE DONE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO REDUCE DRUG PRODUCTION AND TRAFFIC. IN THE COURSE OF HIS WORK HE HAS ACQUIRED CONSIDERABLE EXPERTISE IN THE DRUG FIELD. SECOND IS THAT HIS LEADERSHIP IN CND WOULD RAISE NARCOTICS TO EXCEPTIONALLY HIGH LEVEL OF POLITICAL ATTENTION IN MEXICO DURING NEXT YEAR AND PERHAPS FURTHER INTO THE FUTURE AS OJEDA CONTINUES HIS POLITICAL CAREER.

3. WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL SUPPORT ATTORNEY GENERAL OJEDA PAULLADA TO BE NEXT CHAIRMAN OF THE CND. U.S. ALSO SUPPORTS RE-ELECTION OF PRESENT CND BUREAU INCUMBENTS AND RESTORATION OF NORMAL CND PROCEDURE AT 27TH CND IN 1977. KISSINGER

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